ARTICLES TO BE MINISTRED. ENQVIRED OF, AND ANSWERED:

In the fourth Visitation of the Right Reuerend Father in GOD,

ROBERT, by Gods Diuine prouidence, Lord Bishop of BRISTOL.

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The tenour of the Oath to be miniſtred to the Church-wadens and *Sworne-men.*

YOu ſhall ſweare, that all affection, fauour, hatred, hope of reward and gaine, or feare of diſpleaſure, or malice ſet aſide, you ſhall, vpon due conſideration of the Articles giuen you in charge, preſent all and euery ſuch perſon, of or within your pariſh, as hath committed any offence mentioned in theſe, or any of theſe Articles, or which are vehemently ſuſpected, and defamed of any ſuch offence: wherein you ſhall diſcharge your conſciences vprightly, and according to truth, neyther of malice preſent any contrary to truth, nor of corrupt affection ſparing to preſent any, and ſo conceale the truth, hauing in this action God before your eyes with an earneſt zeale to mainetaine truth, and to ſuppreſſe vice; So helpe you God, and by the contents of this Booke.

Of Diuine Seruice and administration of the Sacraments.

IN primis, whether is the prescript forme of diuine seruice vsed by your Minister vpon Sundayes and holy-dayes, and holy-dayeues according to the Booke of Common Prayer, and whether doth your Minister duly obserue all the Orders, Rites & Ceremonies prescribed in the booke of Common prayer, aswell in reading publike prayer, as also in administring the Sacraments in such manner and forme, as in the Booke of Common prayer is prescribed and is enioyned by the 13. and 14. canons.

Prescripte forme of Diuine seruice.

2 Item, Whether your Parson, Vicar, or Curate doth read the Letany vpon Wenesdayes and Fridayes, as is required by the 15 canon.

Reading of the Letanie Wednesdayes and Fridayes.

3 Item, Whether doe the Housholders that dwell within halfe a mile of the Church or Chappell, eyther frequent the Church themselues to heare the Letany, or else send one of euery such family to ioyne with the Minister in the prayers of the Church according to the aforesaid 15. canon.

Frequenting the Church Wednesdayes and Fridayes.

4 Item, Whether is there due reuerence and humble submission vsed in the Church or Chappell, as by the 18 constitution is prescribed.

Reuerence in time of Diuine Seruice.

5 Item, Whether is there any that sit couered in Church or Chappell at the time of diuine seruice, except for some infirmities, he weare a night-cap or cofe.

Vncouered in the Church.

6 Item, Whether doe all persons present in Church or

Kneeling in the time of prayer.

Chappell kneele reuerently vpon their knees, when the generall Confession, Letany, or Prayer is read, and stand vp at the saying of the Creede according to the 18. canon.

Bowing at the Name of Iesus.

7 Item, Whether is there any in your parish that in time of Diuine Seruice, when the name of the Lord Iesus shall be mentioned, doth not reuerently bow body or knee, testifying by that outward gesture their inward humility and christian resolution, as is fully expressed in the aforesayd 18. canon.

Prophaning the Sabbath.

8 Item, Whether hath any person lurkt and tipled in Tauernes or Alehouses, or stood idle in the Churchyard or Church porch vpon Sundaies or holy-daies, or vsed his or their manuall Craft vpon the said dayes, or otherwise prophaned them in any sort, and especially in the time of Diuine seruice as is required in the 19 canon.

Bread and Wine for the Communion.

9 Item, Whether the Churchwardens doe prouide against euery Communion with aduice of the Minister, a sufficient quantity of the finest white Bread, and the best most wholsome Wine, for the number of the Communicants that shall receiue, as is required by the 20. canon.

Decencie at the Communion Table.

10 Item, whether is the Wine brought to the Communion Table, in a cleane standing pot or stop of pewter, if not of purer mettle, as is required in the aforesaid 20. canon.

Ministring and receiuing the holy Communion.

11 Item, whether your Minister doth administer the holy Communion, so often & at such times, as that euery parishioner may receiue the same at least thrice in euery yeere, whereof once at Easter, as by the booke of Common prayer is appointed: and whether doth your Minister receiue the same himselfe on euery day before that hee administreth it to others, and vse the words of the institution according to the booke, at euery time that the bread or wine is renewed, in such manner and forme as by the prouiso of the 21. canon is directed, or wherein is he faulty, & whether is warning giuen by him beforehand for the Communion, as the 22. canon requireth.

Kneeling at the Communion.

12 Item, Whether doth your Minister administer the said Communion to any that doth not humbly kneele at the receiuing of the same, and what are the names of them that refuse to kneele at the receiuing thereof.

13 Item,

13 Item, Whether hath your Minister admitted any notorious offendors or schismatickes to the Communion, contrary to the 26. or 27. constitutions. Offenders not to be admitted.

14. Item, Whether doeth your Parson, Vicar, or Curate, without licence from the Arch-bishop, the Bishop of the Diocesse or his Chancellor, solemnize marriage betwixt any parties the Banes not being three seuerall Sundayes or Holydayes first published in time of Diuine Seruice in the seuerall Churches or Chappels of their seuerall abode, according to the Booke of common Prayer, and that also betweene the houres of eight and twelue in the forenoone: And furthermore, whether hath your Minister since the last Canons published, solemnized any marriage betwixt any persons being vnder the age of xxi. yeeres, although the Banes be thrice asked, before such time as their parents haue made knowne vnto him their consent thereunto, & whether hath he married any of another Diocesse, who are they, and by what authority and when: canon 62. Vnlawfull marriages

15 Item, Whether your Parson, Vicar, or Curate, doe euery Sunday bid Holy-dayes, and Fasting-daies, as by the Booke of common Prayer is appointed, according to the 64. Canon. Bid Fasting dayes and Holy-dayes.

16 Item, Whether is your Minister painefull in visiting the sicke, according to the Booke of common Prayer, as is required by the 67 Canon. Visiting the sicke.

17 Item, Doth your Minister vse the forme of thankesgiuing to women after childbirth, and whether hath hee admitted any thereunto that was begotten with child in adultery or fornication, without licence of his Ordinary; and whether haue any married wiues refused to come to Church, according to the Book of common Prayer, to giue God thanks after childbirth, in such vsuall and decent manner as anciently hath bin accustomed: If any be faulty herein, you shall present their names. Thankesgiuing after child-birth.

18 Item, Whether is there any stranger of any other Parish, admitted to receiue the Communion in your Parish, contrary to the 28. canon, and whether doeth your Minister administer the holy Communion in any priuate house, except it bee in the time of necessity, contrary to the 71. canon. No stranger to bee admitted.

19 Item, Whether doeth your Minister appoint any publike Fasts without authority.

or priuate Fasts without lawfull authority, contrary to the 72. canon.

Vnlawfull Conuenticles.

20 Item, Whether are there any priuate meetings, assemblies or conuenticles either by day or by night vsed or had within the Parish by any Minister or Ministers, or any lay persons tending to faction or schisme; declare the parties names, the places where, the time when, & how often haue you knowne any such meetings, assemblies, or conuenticles, contrary to the 73. canon.

Surplesse and Hood.

21 Item, Whether doth your Minister weare the Surplesse whilest he is saying the publike Prayers, and administring the Sacraments: and if he be any Graduate, whether then doth he also weare vpon his Surplesse during the time aforesaid, such a Hood as by the order of the Vniuersitie is agreeable to his degree, as is required by the 58 canon.

Catechize.

22 Item, Whether doeth your Minister on euery Sunday and Holy-day for halfe an houre and more, examine and instruct the youth and ignorant persons of his Parish, in the Tenne Commandements, Articles of beliefe, and in the Lords prayer, as also in the Catechisme set forth in the Booke of common Prayer: And whether Fathers, Mothers, Masters and Mistresses cause their children, seruants, and apprentices to come thither to heare, and to be instructed and taught therein, and those that doe not their duties herein, you shall present their names, as is required in the 59 canon.

Drunkennes in Ministers.

23 Item, Whether doeth your Parson, Vicar, or Curate, frequent Tauerns and Ale-houses, or is giuen to drunkennes, dicing, carding, or other vnlawfull games, forbidden by the 75. canon.

Confirmation of Children.

24 Item Whether doeth your Minister prepare children for Confirmation, according to the 61. canon.

Commers to preaching but not to praying.

25 Item. Whether is there any in your Parish that wil come to heare Sermons, that wil not come to heare publike prayers, appointed by the Booke of common Prayer, making a schisme or diuision betweene the vse of publike prayer and preaching.

All resort to the Church and receiue thrice a yeere.

26 Item, Whether doe all persons aboue the age of sixteene yeeres, vsually resort to heare Diuine Seruice vpon Sun-

dayes

dayes and holy-dayes appointed; and whether haue each one of your parishioners (being aboue the age of sixténe yéres aforesayd) receiued the holy Communion thrice this last yére, and chiefly once at Easter last in your parish Church kneeling; if no, then you shall present their names which haue not so done, canon 21.

27 Item, Whether your Minister and parishioners vse perambulation, according to the appointment of the Church. Perambulation.

28 Item, Whether is the Fifth day of November obserued & kept festiuall, as by a speciall Act of Parliament in that case prouided is appointed. Fift of November.

29 Item, Whether doth your Minister vse to signe the children with the signe of the Crosse when they are baptized, according to the booke of Common prayer, as is required by the 30, canon. Signe of the Crosse in Baptisme.

30 Item, Whether doth your Minister refuse to christen and bury as is enioyned in the 68. and 69. canons. Refuse to christen or bury.

31 Item, Whether any person whatsoeuer, who hath not communicated, be admitted to be a Godfather or Godmother, contrary to the Law and 29. canon. No communicants, no Godfathers.

32 Item, Whether doth your Minister vse to pray for the Kings Maiesty, King Charles, Queen Mary, Prince Charles, Frederick the Prince Elector Palatine, the Lady Elizabeth his Wife, and all their Royall Progeny, with addition of such Stiles and Titles as are due and appertaine vnto his Maiesty, and exhort the people to obedience to his Highnesse, and other Magistrates being in authority vnder him, canon 55. A prayer for the King.

33 Item, Whether is there any in your Parish, that impugneth or speaketh against the Rites & Ceremonies established in the Church of England, or the lawfull vse of them, you shall present their names, contrary to the 6 canon. Impugners of Rites and Ceremonies.

34 Item, Whether is there any in your parish that doth impugne any of the Articles of Religion, agréed vpon in Anno Domini 1562. and established in the Church of England. Articles of Religion.

35 Item, Are there any in your parish that doe impugne the gouernment of the Church of England vnder the Kings most Impugners of Church gouernment.

Excellent

Excellent Maiesty, by Archbishops, Bishops, Deanes, Archdeacons and the rest that beare office in the same, affirming the same is antichristian, or repugnant to the word of God, contrary to the 7. canon.

Separates and new brotherhood.

36 Item, Whether is there any in your parish that doth separate himselfe from the Church of England, and combine himselfe with any other in a new brotherhood, accounting those that are comfortable to the state Ecclesiasticall, in Doctrine, Gouernment, and ceremonies, vnmeete to ioyne with him in christian profession, contrary to the 9. canon.

Following vnlicensed preachers.

37 Item, Whether is there any in your parish that doth maintaine such as refuse to subscribe to the forme of Gods worship in the Church of England, prescribed in the Communion booke, contrary to the tenth canon.

Residence.

38 Item, Whether is your Minister resident with you vpon his Benefice; or for how long time hath he been absent? and where is he resident for the most part, and what other Benefice hath he? canon 41.

Preaching according to the Canons.

39 Item, Whether doth your Parson, Vicar, or Curate, preach vsually according to the constitutions, eyther in his owne Cure, or else in some other Church or Chappell neere adioyning, wherein no preachers are: or how oft hath he been negligent in that behalfe: canon 45.

More Cures then one.

40 Item, Whether doth your Minister or Curate serue any more Cures then one: if yea, then what other Cure doth he serue contrary to the 45. canon.

Monethly Sermons.

41 Item, Whether doth your Parson or Vicar, not being a Preacher, procure monethly Sermons to bee preached by some licensed preacher, as is required by the 46. canon; and when there is no Sermon, doth read the Homilies prescribed by authority.

Absence from Benefice.

42 Item, Whether doth your Parson, or Vicar, being canon of any Cathedrall or Collegiate Church, (and not a Residentiary) absent himselfe from his Benefice with Cure aboue the space of a moneth in the yeere, vnlesse it be for some vrgent cause allowed by the Bishop of the Diocese, contrary to the 44. canon.

None to preach without licence.

43. Item

43 Item whether any person hath been admitted to preach within your Church or Chappell, but such as you haue knowne to haue beene sufficiently licensed. None to preach without licence.

44 Item, Hath any beene suffered to preach in your Church or Chappell, without shewing his licence to the Minister or Churchwardens, and subscribing his name, as the 50. and 51. canons required. Strange preachers to subscribe their names.

45 Item, whether doth your Lecturer and Preacher, your Parson or Vicar reade Diuine seruice, and administer the Sacraments in his owne person, twice euery yeere, obseruing all the Ceremonies in the booke of Common Prayer established. Lecturers to reade Diuine Seruice twice a yeere.

46 Item, whether doth your Parson, Vicar or Lecturer preach any Sermon or Collation in your parish Church vpon Sundayes and Holidayes in the afternoone, but vpon some part of the Catechisme, or some Text taken out of the Creed, Ten Commandements, or the Lords Prayer (Funerall Sermons onely excepted) according to his Maiesties directions by his Highnesse Letters, dated August 4. 1622. commanded to be obserued: and whether doth euery preacher performe all other his Maiesties directions by the said Letters required to bee performed; if not, declare wherein they or any of them haue offended, what is his christen name, surname, and place of his abode, who hath so offended, contrarie to the 56. canon. His Maiesties direction for preachers.

47 Item, Is there any in your parish that refuseth to haue their children baptized, or themselues to receiue the Communion at the hands of your Minister, because he is no preacher: you shal present their names. And if your Minister since the publishing of the said Booke of Canons, hath receiued any such persons (being not of his owne Cure) to the Communion, or baptized any of their children: you shall likewise present him, as the 57. Canon requireth. Refusers of the Communion, &c. because their Minister is no preacher.

48 Item, Whether hath your Parson, Vicar or Curate endeauoured to confute any Doctrine deliuered by any other preacher in the same Church, or any other neere adioyning, before hee hath acquainted the Bishop of the Diocesse therewith, and receiued order from him what to doe in that case, according to the 53. Canon. Opposition betweene preachers.

Running after schismaticall preachers.

49 Item, Whether hath any of your parish of late followed strange preachers, vnlicensed, suspended, or schismaticall, from parish to parish, present y parties, and the places to which they resorted.

Decency in apparell, and sobriety in conuersation.

50 Item, Whether doth your Minister vse such decency and comelinesse in his apparell, as by the 74 constitution is inioyned: and whether is he of sober conuersation.

Things appertaining to the Church.

Bookes necessary for the Church.

ITem, whether haue you prouided the Bible of the new translation, lately set forth by the Kings authority, the booke of Common Prayer, and the booke of Homilies, as the 8 canon requireth.

A Font.

2 Item, Whether you haue in your Church or Chappell a Font of stone, set vp in the ancient vsuall place, as the 81. canon requireth.

Communion Table, &c.

3 Item, Whether you haue a decent Communion Table with a carpet of silke or some other decent stuffe, and a faire linnen cloth to lay thereon at a conuenient time, as the 82 canon requireth.

Conuenient placing of the Communion Table.

4 Item, Whether is the same table then placed in such conuenient sort within the Chancell or Church, as the Minister may be best heard in his prayer, and administration of the Sacraments.

Ten Commandements.

5 Item, Whether all the ten Commandements are set vp in the East end of the Church or Chappell where the people may best see them, and reade them, and other sentences of Scripture written vpon other places of the walls also to that purpose, as the aforesaid 28. canon requireth.

Seate and pulpit, &c.

6 Item, Whether you haue a conuenient seate for your Minister to read Seruice, together with a comely Pulpit set vp in a conuenient place, with a decent cloth or cushion for the same, a comly large Surplesse, a faire comely cup of gold, siluer, or other pure mettle, and a couer agreeable for the same, with all other things and ornaments for the celebration of diuine Seruice, and administration of the Sacraments, as the 83. canon requireth.

A cheft for Almes.

7 Item, Whether you haue a Cheft for Almes with a hole in y

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vpper part thereof, & three keyes &c. as the 84 canon requireth.

8 Item, Whether doth your Minister diligently from time to time, and especially when men make their last Wils and Testaments, call vpon, exhort, and moue their neighbours to conuert, and giue as they may well spare to the said chest, as they are required by the aforesaid 84 canon. Moue for workes of Charitie.

9 Item, Whether doe you know, or haue heard of any Legacie by any mans Will or gift otherwise giuen to the poore, to the Church, or any other holy vses, and not performed or bestowed according to his Will and gift. Gift or Legacie.

10 Item, Whether is your Church or Chappell, with the Chancell thereof and Churchyard kept in good reparation, and in decent and comely fashion as well within as without, as in pauing of the Church, maintaining of Seates, whiting, glasing, tyling, walling, ayling, paling, &c. as is required in the 85. canon. Reparations of Church.

11 Item, Whether haue you a Terrior of gleiblands, tythes, and other possessions belonging to the Church, Parsonage, or Vicaridge by the view of honest men of your Parish by the appointment of the Bishop, and whether is the same laid vp in the Bishops Registrie, as the 87. canon requireth. Terrior of Lands, &c.

12 Item, Whether is your Church or Chappell prophaned by any Playes, Feasts, Banquets, Church-Ales, drinkings, which are forbidden in the 88. canon. Prophaning of the Church.

13 Item, Whether you haue in your seuerall Church or Chappell, the Booke of Constitutions or Canons Ecclesiasticall ready to bee read by your Minister, according to his Maiesties pleasure published by his Highnesse authoritie vnder the Great Seale of England. Booke of Canons.

14 Item, Whether is your Parsonage or Vicaridge house, and all houses thereunto belonging, kept in decent and good repaire, both in tyling, glasing walling, &c, Reparations of the Ministers house.

15 Item, Whether is there in your Church or Chappell, one parchment Register Booke prouided for christnings, marriages, and burialls: and whether is the same duly and exactly kept according to the constitutions in that behalfe prouided. Register Booke.

Of Schoole-masters.

Teaching without Licence.

ITem, Doth any take vpon him to teach Schoole eyther priuate or publike in your Parish, without speciall licence of his Ordinary, contrary to the 79. canon.

Curates to teach if they will.

2 Item, Whether is there any that teacheth in the parish where the Curate is desirous to teach himselfe, contrary to the 78. canon.

Sobrietie of Schoole-makers.

3 Item, Whether doth your Schoole-master teach his Schollers any other Grammar then that which is allowed by publike authority: whether doth he instruct them both in termes and good manners as diligently as hee ought to doe; without giuing himselfe to excessiue drinking; or keeping disorderly or suspected company, or giuing any other euill example of life.

Of Popish Recusants.

Popish Schoole-masters.

ITem, whether doe any Popish Recusants or any other keepe any Schoole-master in their house which commeth not to Church, to heare Diuine Seruice and receiue the Communion, what is his name, and how long hath hee taught.

Recusants.

2 Item, How many inhabitants within your parish, men or women aboue 16. yeeres of age, bee Popish Recusants, or doe refuse to frequent Diuine seruice, established by publike authority of this Realme, or to receiue the holy Communion, what bee their names and of what degree, state, or trade of life are they.

How long haue they bin Recusants.

3 Item, How long the sayd Popish Recusants haue obstinately abstained eyther from Diuine Seruice or from the communion, as is aforesayd, whether any long time, or onely since his Maiesties Raigne, or hath any lately become Popish Recusants, and how long hath he or she bin such Recusants.

Recusants seducing other.

4 Item, Whether any of the said Popish Recusants be of insolent behauiour, and do busie themselues in seducing of others from that Religion which is established by publicke authority in the Church of England, and whether they doe instruct their children,

children, or cause them to be instructed in Popish religion, what be their names that so doe.

5 Item, Whether be any Popish Recusants married, or any of their children christened, or any Recusants buried within your Parish by any other then the Minister of your Parish, where, when, and by whom, and whether doth any of their children remaine unbaptized aboue the space of a moneth. Papists Recusants married, christened buried, &c.

6 Item, Whether is your Minister a Preacher or sufficiently qualified, & if he be, whether doth he from time to time offer quiet and temperate conference, to reclaime the Popish Recusants from their errours, & whether they, or any of them doe refuse such conference with your minister or any other Preacher who shall present unto them his diligence in that behalfe. Ministers to reclaime Recusants.

Of excommunicate persons.

ITem, What persons are there in your parish that remaine excommunicate, or any other crime, what be their names, and for what cause and how long haue they stood so excõmunicate. Who stand excommunicate.

2 Item, Whether doth your minister euery sixe moneths denounce in his parish such as doe perseuere in the sentence of excõmunication, not seeking to be absolued: and whether hath he admitted into the Church any person excõmunicate, without a certificate of his absolution from the Ordinary or his Substitute. Denounce excommunicate persons.

3 Item, Whether your Parson, Vicar or Curate, hath celebrated and said Diuine seruice & prayers in the Church, when any person he knew to bee excõmunicated or denounced for an excommunicate person, was present in the same Church, at that time among the congregation, and whether hee hath suffered any excõmunicate person (being a member cut off from the Church and christian society) to bee partaker of those prayers, and hath not commanded the Church-Wardens of the parish, or some other, to put him out of the Church, or otherwise ceased from saying any Diuine seruice, during the time of any such excommunicated person there at and present, who hath offended herein, and how often. Excommunicate persons not to be present at publike prayer in the Church.

Staying the Publication of excommunicate persons.

4 Item, Whether your Parson, Vicar, or Curate of any your Churches or Chappels, hauing receiued any excommunication, suspension, or aggrauation from his Ordinary, or his Substitute, against any of their parishioners, haue presumed to make stay of, and not publish such excommunication, suspension, or aggrauation, according to the Tenor thereof, the next Sunday or Holy-day after the receite of the same in your Church or Chappell, at the time of Diuine Seruice, if any bee faulty herein, present their names, and how oft default hath beene made in that behalfe.

Of Church-Wardens, Questmen, and Sidemen.

Choyce of Church-Wardens.

ITem, Whether your Church-Wardens be chosen in Easter weeke according to the 11. canon.

Consent in choyce of Church-Wardens.

2 Item, Whether was your Church-Wardens & Questmen chosen by the consent of the Parishioners as the 89. canon requireth.

Church-Wardens Accounts.

3 Item, Whether haue your Church-Wardens before you giuen vp a iust account for their time, and deliuered vnto you their successors, whatsoeuer money or other things of right belonging to the Church, that was in their hands, as the aforesaid 89. canon requireth.

Of other common disorders, crimes and scandals to be presented by Church-Wardens and Sidemen.

Incontinent persons, adulterers, swearers, &c.

ITem, whether haue you any in your parish to your knowledge or by common fame or report, which haue committed adultery, fornication or incest, which haue not bin publickly punished, to your knowledge, if yea, then with whom, or any man ỹ hath attempted the chastity of any woman, or hath sollicited any woman, to the intent to haue ỹ carnall knowledge of her body, or any in your parish to be Bawds, or receiuers or conueiers away of any such persons, or suspected of any ỹ crimes aforesaid, are there any that are, or by common report & fame, are reputed

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and taken to be such persons, or be common drunkards, blasphemers of Gods Holy Name, common & vsuall swearers, symoniacall persons, fighters, brawlers, or quarellers in Church, or Church-yard: you shall not fayle to present their names contrary to the 109. canon.

2 Item, Whether haue any in your Parish receiued, or harboured any women being with child, out of wedlocke, and suffered them to depart againe without punishment first inflicted on them by their Ordinary, you shall truly present aswell the party harbouring, as harboured, and who is suspected to be father of her child. Harbouring incontinent persons.

3 Item, Whether any person or persons suspected or defected heretofore of incontinencie, and therefore departed out of your parish, is againe returned thither, or in what other place is he or she now abiding, as you know, or haue heard: whether hee or she haue escaped without penance, by what meanes, or by whose meanes, you shall present the whole trueth in that behalfe. Incontinent persons escaping vnpunished.

4. Item, Whether are there in your Parish, any willes not yet prooued; you shall not fayle to present the Executors, and all other faulty and culpable therein. Willes.

5 Item, Whether doe you, and euery of you diligently see, that all the Parishioners doe duely resort to their Church euery Sunday and Holy day; and there continue the whole time of diuine Seruice, & none to walke, and stand idle, or talke in the Church or Church porch or Church-yard, during that time: and whether doe all the Parishioners and their families, accordingly frequent their Parish Church, and there behaue themselues soberly, attentiuely, and decently all the time of diuine seruice, yea, or no, if no, then you shall present their names as the aforsaid 89. canon requireth. Resorters to Church.

6 Item, Whether your Minister in his Church or Chappell, doeth read the booke of Constitutions, or canons Ecclesiasticall set forth by his Maiesties authority, or any part thereof vpon Sundayes or Holydayes, in the after noone, after diuine Seruice, yea or not. Reading the Canons.

7 Item, Do you know any of your Parish, that doeth disturbe the Minister during diuine Seruice, or preaching, either by walking, Disturbers of the Minister.

king, talking, or other noise, contrary to the 111. Canon.

Not communicants at Easter to be presented to the Bishop or his chancellor.

8 Item, whether haue the not Communicants at Easter last past, beene presented to the Bishop, or his Chancellor, by their names and surnames aswell men as women, being of the age of sixteene yeeres, within forty dayes after Easter aforesaid, according to the 112. Canon.

Abuse or striking of the Minister.

9 Item, Whether hath any person in your Parish, quarrelled or stricken, or vsed any violence vnto, or with your Minister or any other in the Church or Church-yard, or vsed himselfe disorderly in the Church by filthy and prophane talke, or any other rude and immodest behauiour.

Witches and such like, &c.

10 Item, Whether you know in your Parish any Witches, Southsayers, Coniurers, Charmers, Sorcerers, or any that bee suspected for such persons, present their names, and what hurt they haue committed.

Simoniacall patrons.

11 Item, doe you know any Patron, or Aduowsoner in your Parish, who hath made gaine, directly, or indirectly, by any colour, deceit, or simoniacal compact, in bestowing his benefice for gaine, receiuing money, or promise of a lease of the whole or part, or by reseruing his owne tythes, or any pension to himselfe, or any other.

Rates, and Fees.

12 Item, Whether hath the Chancellor, Archdeacon, or Officiall, or any Register, or Apparator, exacted any extraordinary or greater Fees, then hath been accustomed? whether is there a Table of the Rates of all Fees set vp in their seuerall Courts and Offices.

Midwiues not sworne.

13 Item, Whether any women of your Parish exercised the office of a midwife, and not taken a corporall oath, vpon the holy Euangelists, before ỹ Lord Bishop of the diocese or his Chancellor or deputy, to obserue all such Orders & Articles, as ought to be by her obserued concerning the execution of the said office.

How many midwiues.

14 Item, How many Midwiues haue you in your Parish, which doe exercise that office, how long haue they so done, and by what authority, what be their Names; of what skill are they accounted to be of, in that office and vocation.

Phisicians and Surgions.

15 Item, How many haue you in your Parish, that doe practise as Phisicians, or Chirurgions: how long haue they so done

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by what authority: of what skill are they accounted to bee in that their profession.

16 Item, Whether there bee any Hospitals, or Almes-houses in your parish, and whether the same bee vsed, kept, and ordered according to the Foundation, Lawes, and Statutes thereof, and in whom the fault is, that they are not so vsed and kept. Hospitals and Almes-houses.

17 Item, Hath any presumed to execute the Office of a Minister or Deacon in your Churches, and to say & celebrate the Diuine Seruice there, or to serue the Cure of your parish, not being a Minister or Deacon: And whether any Deacon hath presumed to minister the Sacraments in any your Churches, not hauing first receiued the full Orders of Priesthood: if yea, present what his name is, where he dwelleth, and how often he hath offended herein. Lay persons executing the office of a Minister in the Church.

18 Item, Whether haue your Parson, Vicar, or Curate made any Simoniacall payment, or deuice for his preferment, to your knowledge. Simoniacall payment, &c.

19 Item, Whether doe you know of any other matter of Ecclesiasticall Cognizance worthy the presentment in your Iudgement, which you hold fit to be reformed: if you doe, you shall likewise present the same by vertue of your Oathes aforesayd. Any thing else.

Parish Clarke.

ITem, Whether is your Clarke chosen by any but by your Minister, and doth your minister publish the said choyce the Sunday after he hath made the said choyce. Choice of the Clarke.

2 Item, Is your Clarke of twenty yeeres of age at least, of honest conuersation, sufficient for reading and writing, and skilfull in singing. Age and honest conuersation of the Clarke.

3 Item, Doth the Clarke receiue his accustomed wages eyther at the hands of the Church-wardens, or otherwise, as the customs of the parish is, according to the 91. canon. Clarkes wages.

Of Marriages.

Marriage within the degrees prohibited.

ITem, Whether is there any in your Parish that hath married within the degrees prohibited by the Lawes of God, and expressed in a Table set-forth by authority, Anno Domini 1563.

2 Item, Whether haue you the said Table publikely set vp and fixed in your Church, according to the 99. canon.

Of Diuorces.

Sentence for Diuorce.

ITem, Whether is there any in your Parish, that hath had sentence for Diuorce, vpon the sole confession of the parties, contrary to the 105. canon.

Sentence giuen in open Court.

2 Item, Whether hath the said sentence of Diuorce béen giuen to your knowledge, any where else, but in open Court, contrary to the 106. canon.

Marriage after separation.

3 Item, Whether is there any in your parish, that after sentence of Separation from Bed and Boord, hath contracted Matrimony with any other person during each others life.

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